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The PCT Publication WO-97/047132 is in English, and it also has a U.S. patent family member, No. 6,148,136. English language translations are provided for three of the four Japanese language documents, and an Abstract provided for the fourth remaining document.

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